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In re Application of: Jane A Gross *et al.*

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For: Soluble Receptor BR43X2 and Methods of Using

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

***In the Application:***

Please delete the following inventors from the above-identified patent application:  
Wenfeng Xu, Karen Madden, and David P. Yee.

***In the Specification:***

Please replace the title at page 1, line 6, with the following rewritten title:

--METHODS FOR INHIBITING BLyS ACTIVITY WITH TACI POLYPEPTIDES--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--Figure 1 shows a multiple amino acid sequence alignment between BR43x2, TACI (von Bülow and Bram, *ibid.*) (SEQ ID NO:6), BCMA (Gras et al., *ibid.*) (SEQ ID NO:8) and BR43x1 (SEQ ID NO:9). The cysteine-rich pseudo repeats and transmembrane domain are noted.